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SUBJ: NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON SHAH AND IRAN

1. KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL OCTOBER 16 REPRINTED SUBSTANTIAL PORTION CURRENT NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON SHAH AND IRAN AND CALLED ATTENTION TO REPRINT AND EDITORIAL ON INSIDE PAGES WITH PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE BOX. INCLUDED WERE TEXTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SHAH AND BOXED FEATURE ON OMNIPRESENCE AND HARSH MEASURES OF SAVAK. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "BEGRUDGING IRAN ITS NEW POWER" PAPER CASTIGATED BOTH NEWSWEEK AND FORTUNE FOR CLAIMING US HAD HAD MAJOR ROLE IN BUILDING IRAN UP TO ITS CURRENT POSITION OF STRENGTH AND FOR EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT HOW IRAN WOULD USE ITS POWER. EDITORIAL ARGUED THAT IRAN'S NEW "POWER, PROSPERITY AND PRESTIGE HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH OUR PEOPLE'S HARD WORK AND THE DEDICATED LEADERSHIP OF OUR SHAHANSHAH," AND CONCLUDED WITH DENIAL THAT IRAN WAS US "SATRAP" IN PERSIAN GULF. (FULL TEXT BEING SENT VIA USINFO.) FARSI KAYHAN AND ETTELA'AT CARRIED SIMILAR BUT LESS EXTENSIVE ARTICLES ON NEWSWEEK REPORT, AND OTHER FARSI PAPERS MAY FOLLOW.

2. COMMENT: STARTLING ASPECT OF THIS INCIDENT IS THAT GOI WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO ARTICLES OFFENSIVE TO IRAN. SHAH MAY HAVE CONCLUDED OBVIOUS EXAGGERATIONS IN ARTICLE (FOR EXAMPLE, FIGURE OF 50,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN, AND CONTENTION THAT ONLY 58 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT STUDENTS GRADUATED THIS YEAR) WILL CAST DOUBT
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ON VERACITY OF OTHER UNFAVORABLE POINTS IN ARTICLE, WHILE INFOR-

MATION AND COMMENT FAVORABLE TO IRAN WILL BE SPREAD FURTHER. IN
MAKING BEST OF BAD SITUATION, BY SEIZING INITIATIVE, SHAH MAY HOPE
TO DEFUSE CHARGES THAT HIS REGIME SUPPRESSES PRESS CRITICISM.
DECISION TO ALLOW NEWSWEEK TO APPEAR ON NEWS STANDS IS IN SHARP
CONTRAST TO AFGHAN CENSORSHIP OF UNFAVORABLE NEWSWEEK ARTICLE
(KABUL 6477) AND SHAH MAY HOPE TO GET INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
OPINION MILEAGE OUT OF HIS LIBERAL TREATMENT OF CRITICISM.
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